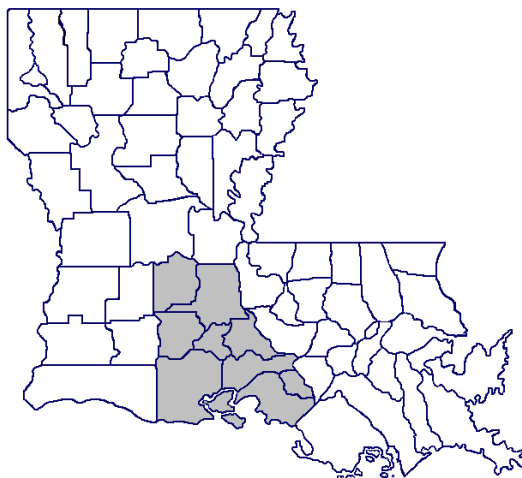


**REGIONAL LABOR MARKET AREA 4  
FOURTH QUARTER 2002  
COVERED EMPLOYMENT AND WAGES**

Acadia, Evangeline, Iberia, Lafayette  
St. Landry, St. Martin, St. Mary, Vermilion



The average quarterly employment for RLMA 4 during fourth quarter 2002 was 242,778, no significant change from the third quarter 2002, and a decrease of 0.8% from the same period in 2001. Employment increased in eight of the 20 NAICS sectors from the third quarter 2002. The largest percentage increase of 8.5% was in educational services.

Average quarterly employment data for fourth quarter 2002, third quarter 2002, fourth quarter 2001, and the percent change for the major industry sectors is shown in the table "Average Quarterly Employment" on page 40. Retail trade was the leading industry in RLMA 4 with 33,128 employees, or 13.6% of total employment. Lafayette was the leading parish with 119,711 employees, or 49.3% of total employment.

Total wages increased 1.3% from the same period in 2001, and increased 9.4% from the third quarter 2002, for an average weekly wage of \$616.49. Lafayette parish had the highest average weekly wage of \$668.14.

Average weekly wage data for each parish in RLMA 4 is listed in the table below. The average weekly wage data for all parishes within each NAICS sector is shown in the table "Regional Labor Market Area 4" beginning on page 43.

Parish	Avg. Wkly. Wage
Acadia	\$ 505.48
Evangeline	476.47
Iberia	602.84
Lafayette	668.14
St. Landry	514.47
St. Martin	455.91
St. Mary	657.15
Vermilion	581.76

The number of reporting units in RLMA 4 for fourth quarter 2002 was 16,167.

Due to the conversion to NAICS, this data should not be compared to data in publications prior to first quarter 2001.

REGIONAL LABOR MARKET AREA 4  
MONTHLY EMPLOYMENT

